



## CONDENSED SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.                      RECEPTION  
International delegates are welcome by senior leaders of the sponsoring organizations and joined by local participants.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.                      WELCOME AND ACCOMODATIONS                      AUDITORIUM I, PUCMM  
International and local participants are greeted, registered and accompanied to their seats.

9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.                      FIRST SESSION – OPENING  
Welcome by sponsoring institutions

9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.                      SECOND SESSION – INTRODUCTION  
“Religious Freedom as a Fundamental Human Right”  
*An introduction to Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) and its importance for social sustainability.*

10:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.                      BREAK

11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.                      THIRD SESSION – CONFERENCE  
“Religious Freedom and Socioeconomic Development”  
*A look into demographics and research that show how flexibility/restrictions to FoRB are associated with sustainable socioeconomic development.*

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.                      LUNCH                      EXECUTIVE ROOM  
*Private lunch with government and business leaders.*

1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.                      FOURTH SESSION – PANEL DISCUSSION                      AUDITORIUM I, PUCMM  
Governmental perspectives: “*The Role of the State in Safeguarding Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB)*”

2:45 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.                      BREAK

3:00 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.                      FIFTH SESSION – PANEL DISCUSSION  
International organizations perspective: “*Fairness for All: Finding Balance between Fighting Intolerance and Protecting Conscience*”

4:15 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.                      LAUNCHING EVENT – CIER PUCMM  
*Official introduction of the Center for Research and Religion Studies at Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM)*

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.                      DINNER AND CULTURAL SHOW                      EMBASSY GARDEN ROOM  
*Performance by student groups*                      EMBAJADOR HOTEL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	WELCOME AND ACCOMODATIONS International and local participants are greeted, registered and accompanied to their seats.	AUDITORIUM I, PUCMM
8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	GROUP PHOTO Official photo of the event is taken at the garden	
9:00 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.	SIXTH SESSION – PANEL DISCUSSION Faith perspectives: <i>“The Role of Religion and Religious Freedom in society”</i>	
10:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	BREAK	
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	SEVENTH SESSION – WORKSHOP Judicial perspectives: <i>“Protecting Religious Freedom through Legislation and the Judicial System”</i>	
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH <i>Private lunch with legislators and the media.</i>	EXECUTIVE ROOM
1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.	EIGHT SESSION – DISCUSSION Media perespectives: <i>“The Interrelation of Freedom of Expression, Religion, and of the Press”</i>	AUDITORIUM I, PUCMM
2:45 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	BREAK	
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	NINTH SESSION – PANEL DISCUSSION Academic perspectives: <i>“Law Education as a Platform for Protecting Freedom of Religious or Belief (FoRB)”</i>	
4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	TENTH SESSION – SUMMATION <i>Concluding reflections: Religious Freedom in the Caribbean: A Look Into the Future”. Final remarks.</i>	
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	DINNER AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY <i>Performance by student live band and singers</i>	EMBASSY GARDEN ROOM EMBAJADOR HOTEL



## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

### INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

	Full name	Position	Organization	Country
1.	Dr. Brian Grim	President	Religious Freedom and Business Foundation	United States
2.	Dr. Gary B. Doxey	Associate Director	International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University	United States
3.	Scott Isaacson	Regional Advisor, Latin America	International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University	United States
4.	Dr. Denise Lindberg	Fellow Judge (r), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, State of Utah	International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University	United States
5.	Prof. Juan G. Navarro Floria	Professor of Law	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Buenos Aires	Argentina
5.	Prof. Norberto Padilla	Vice-president Professor of Law, UCA	Consejo Argentino de Libertad Religiosa	Argentina
7.	Prof. Ana María Celis	President	International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies	Chile
8.	David Armstrong	Areal Legal Counsel, Caribbean Area	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	United States
9.	Dr. Bernard Gousse	Dean of Law	Université Quisqueya	Haiti
10.	Dr. Carl Singh	Chancellor of the Judiciary	Court of Appeals	Guyana
11.	Carol Baal	Attorney at Law		Suriname
12.	Christian de Lespinasse	Attorney at Law	Cabinet de Lespinasse	Haiti
13.	Clarence Anthony Nigel Hughes	Barrister at Law	Hughes, Fields & Stoby	Guyana
14.	Dr. Gélin Imanès Collot	Dean of Law	Université d'Etat d'Haiti	Haiti
15.	Gilberto Bakhuis	Secretary General	Curacao Council of Churches	Curacao
16.	Rev. Gordon Evans	President	Jamaica Council of Churches	Jamaica
17.	Hector Albertorio Blondet	Executive Director	Office of the Governor of Puerto Rico (Fortaleza)	Puerto Rico
18.	Josephine Bakhuis	Advisor	Ministry of Justice	Curacao

19.	Leilah Christine Decembre	Professor of Law	Université Quiequeya	Haiti
20.	Pr. Ronald McGarrell	President	Interreligious Organization of Guyana	Guyana
21.	H.E. Mrs. Sandra Granger	First Lady	Government of Guyana	Guyana
22.	Savannah Barnwell	Attorney at Law	Hughes, Fields & Stoby	Guyana
23.	Dr. Shiva Maharaj	Attorney at Law	J. D. Seller + Co.	Trinidad and Tobago
24.	Sonia Garcia	Functionaire, Office of Religious Affairs	Central Committee, Cuban Communist Party	Cuba
25.	Suleiman Bulbulia	Secretary General	Barbados Muslim Association	Barbados
26.	Joseph Raj	Lead, Britto Jesuit Community	Guyana Human Development Centre	Guyana
	<u>PENDING CONFIRMATIONS</u>			
27.	Dr. Vivian Leptune	Dean of Law	Universidad de Puerto Rico (UPR)	Puerto Rico
28.	Dr. Vindhya Persaud	Parliamentarian	Parliament of Guyana	Guyana
29.	Ronald Thwaites	Parliamentarian, The Constituency of Kingston Central	Parliament of Jamaica	Jamaica
30.	Robert Candelaria	Senator	Parliament of Aruba	Aruba
31.	Pierre-André Pierre	Rector	Université de Notre Dame	Haiti
32.	Nayda Venegas	Senator	Congress of Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico
33.	Noble Khan	Senator Secretary General	Parliament / Interreligious Organization	Trinidad and Tobago
34.	Michael Foulkes	Parliamentarian	Parliament of Bahamas	Bahamas
35.	Londel T. M. Benjamin	Senator, Ecclesiastical Affairs	Government of Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda
36.	Leela Ramdeem	President	Catholic Commission for Social Justice	Trinidad and Tobago
37.	Rev. Dr. Knolly Clarke	President (f)	Caribbean Council of Churches	Trinidad and Tobago
38.	Josette Borelle Lincertin	President	Conseil Departemental	Guadeloupe
39.	Ivan Steven Martina	Minister	Min. of Economic Development	
40.	H. E. Irwin Larocque (to be represented)	Secretary-General / Chief Executive Officer	Caribbean Community	Dominica
41.	Enrique Alemán Gutiérrez	President	Cabildo Quisicuba	Cuba
42.	Ms. Caridad Diego	Chief, Office of Religious Affairs	Central Committee, Cuban Communist Party	Cuba
43.	Donald Rasmijn	Senator	Parliament of Aruba	Aruba
44.	B. Claude Berkley	Bishop, Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago	Anglican Church	Trinidad and Tobago
45.	Antonio Rodrigue	Minister of Foreign and Religious Affairs	Ministry of Foreign and Religious Affairs	Haiti
46.	Billy Jonckheer	President	Chamber of Commerce	Curacao
47.	Gary Harriot	Secretary-General	Council of Churches	Jamaica

## SPEAKERS

Full name	Position	Organization	Country	Session	Status
P. Ramón Alfredo de la Cruz	Rector	Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra	Dominican Republic	Opening, Launch of CIER, closing	Confirmed
Dr. Brian Grim	President	Religious Freedom and Business Foundation	United States	Opening, Third	Confirmed
Dr. Gary B. Doxey	Associate Director	ICLRS-JRCLS, Brigham Young University	United States	Opening, Second, Tenth	Confirmed
H. E. Dr. Margarita Cedeño	Vice-president	Ministry of the Presidency	Dominican Republic	Opening (Keynote speaker)	Pending
Dr. Juan G. Navarro Floria	Professor of Law	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Buenos Aires	Argentina	Second, Seventh	Confirmed
Lic. Flavio Dario Espinal	Minister, Legal Advisor	Presidency of the Republic	Dominican Republic	Fourth	Confirmed
Mrs. Sonia Garcia	Funciontaire	Office of Religious Affairs, CC-PCC	Cuba	Fourth	Pending
Dr. Carl Singh	Chancellor of the Judiciary	Court of Appeals	Guyana	Fourth	Confirmed
Lic. Juan Monge	Senior Advisor, Human Rights	United Nations	Dominican Republic	Fifth	Confirmed
Dr. Norberto Padilla	President	Latin American Consortium of Religious Freedom	Argentina	Fifth	Confirmed
Prof. Ana Maria Celis Brunet	President	International Consortium of Religious Freedom	Chile	Fifth, Ninth	Confirmed
Dr. Scott Isaacson	Regional Advisor, Latin America	ICLRS-JRCLS, Brigham Young University	United States	Fifth, Seventh	Confirmed
Mons. Victor Masalles Pere	Bishop / Director, Ecumenical Commission	Diocese of Bani / Conference of Catholic Bishops	Dominican Republic	Sixth	Confirmed
Élder Quentin L. Cook	Quorum of the Twelve Apostles	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	United States	Sixth	Confirmed
Lic. Fidel Lorenzo Merán	President	Consejo Dominicano de Unidad Evangélica	Dominican Republic	Sixth	Pending
Suleiman Bulbulia	Secretary	Barbados Muslim Association	Barbados	Sixth	Confirmed
Gilberto Bakhuis	Secretary-General	Council of Churches	Curacao	Sixth	Confirmed
Dr. Denise Lindberg	Judge (r)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, State of Utah	United States	Seventh	Confirmed

Lic. Miguel Franjul	Director	Listin Diario	Dominican Republic	Eighth	Pending
Ing. Carlos Peña Batista	Communicator, Politician	Partido de la Liberación Dominicana	Dominican Republic	Eighth	Pending
Dr. Samuel Arias Arzeno	Dean of Law	Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra	Dominican Republic	Ninth	Pending
Dr. Gélin Imanès Collot	Dean of Law	Université d'Etat d'Haiti	Haiti	Ninth	Confirmed